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Sharon - Celebrations

Citizens of Sharon:- to the manor born and by adoption - I am happy to congratulate and welcome you on this Centennial Anniversary Day of our Nation's birth and of our town to her full fledged representative right to take her stand among the municipalities of this glorious old Commonwealth that is honored and respected wherever her name is known —

After eleven years of minority and the last surrounded by such scenes as transpired at Lexington, Concord & Bunker-Hill It is not to be wondered at that on the 20th of May 1776. when she attained her majority that her sons met in the old meeting house on "Pole Plain" located on yonder Common to elect the first time for themselves a Representative to the Great & General Court of the Province. that they made the day memorable by their wisdom and courage by passing the following vote.

"Voted - that if the Honourable Congress. Should for the safety of the said Colonies. Declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain. they the said Inhabitants will solemnly engage with their lives and fortunes to support them in the measure."

We have reason to be proud as descendants of such heroic stock - and it becomes us this day in a fitting manner to call to mind and revive in our hearts the honor due to those who in our Country's need imperilled their lives and fortunes - who suffered and died that we their descendants might enjoy the blessings for which they craved - Let us remember that "it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die" it is our work to perpetuate untarnished in a higher degree the liberties and privileges bequeathed to us. that our descendants as they look back from the next Centennial Anniversary of our Nation and town, may catch a like inspiration from reading how we have lived and kept alive the principles of our Fathers —

— 1876 —

The Citizens of Sharon. Celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Town. And William R. Mann. was elected to preside

The Inhabitants met at the Pavillion in Burkhardt's Grove.